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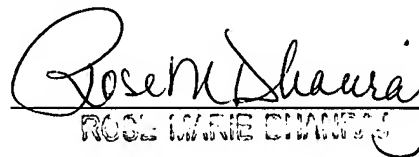
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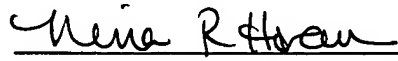
Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance. In
the Reasons For Allowance, the Examiner stated:

The prior art of record also does not disclose or
suggest an oxidative dehydrogenation process
using a catalyst as called for in claim 112. The
prior art of record is a dehydrogenation process
not an oxidative dehydrogenation process.
(Notice of Allowability, page 2).

The Examiner's Reasons appear to suggest that all the prior art of record discloses dehydrogenation processes. Applicant wishes to clarify that, while this is the case for some of the prior art of record, other prior art of record discloses an oxidative dehydrogenation method using a catalyst different from that called for in claim 112.

Respectfully submitted,



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